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1. AN AURA OF PESSIMISM CONTINUES TO PERVADE THE REPORTING
IN THE GREEK MEDIA ON THE CYPRIOT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN VIENNA,
WITH MOST ACCOUNTS STRESSING THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE IS
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LACK OF PROGRESS. PHRASES LIKE "UNBRIDGEABLE
CHASM BETWEEN THE SIDES" AND "INGLORIOUS END TO THE TALKS" WERE
FREQUENTLY USED TO DESCRIBE THE DEVELOPMENTS IN VIENNA

2. IT WAS REPORTED THAT GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPOULOS
HAD SUBMITTED TWO DOCUMENTS ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE AT THE
MORNING SESSION YESTERDAY (APRIL 6), BUT THAT THESE PROPOSALS
WERE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE. THE AFTERNOON
SESSION WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN DEVOTED TO DISCUSSING THE
TERRITORIAL QUESTION, AND TO THE THREE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM OF
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COMMENTS BY BOTH PAPADOPOULOS AND ONAN WERE SUMMARIZED IN THE
PRESS. FINALLY, THIS ROUND OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, STATED
MOST VERSIONS, WOULD END INCONCLUSIVELY WITH THE SESSION TODAY

3. MOST ACCOUNTS SAID THAT U.S. "OBSERVER" LEDSKY HAD INDEPENDENT
MEETINGS WITH PAPADOPOULOS AND ONAN YESTERDAY IN A FINAL ATTEMPT
TO AVERT A TOTAL COLLAPSE OF THE TALKS. LEDSKY, ACCORDING TO

MOST REPORTS, WOULD THEN LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON TO REPORT TO U.S. OFFICIALS. HOWEVER, COMMUNIST (KKE-INTERIOR) AVGHI HEADLINED, "AMERICAN OBSERVER IN ATHENS" AND REPORTED THAT LEDSKY WOULD BE COMING TO ATHENS TO MEET WITH AMBASSADORS KUBISCH AND CRAWFORD ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION. COMMUNIST (KKE-EXTERIOR) RIZOSPASTIS ALSO REPORTED AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD'S AND LEDSKY'S IMMINENT ARRIVAL IN ATHENS FOR CONSULTATIONS. RIZOSPASTIS ADDITIONALLY CONTINUED ITS CAMPAIGN THAT THE U.S. WAS SEEKING TO PRESS FOR A "NATO SOLUTION" WHICH WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS. ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE ESTIA, CITING NEWSPAPER SOURCES, WAS THE ONLY OTHER JOURNAL TO MENTION AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD'S AND LEDSKY'S COMING TO ATHENS.

4. THIS MORNING, PRO-GOVERNMENT AKROPOLIS REPORTED FROM NICOSIA THAT WITH THE DEADLOCK OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, A NEW INITIATIVE IS EXPECTED TO BE MADE BY CLIFFORD BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH. THIS AFTERNOON, PRO-GOVERNMENT APOYEVMATINI, IN A FEATURE STORY DATED NICOSIA, WROTE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WAS PREPARING A NEW INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS WHICH WOULD BE ANNOUNCED BY THE END OF APRIL AND HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE EC. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE STORY ADDED, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE CLARK CLIFFORD WOULD RETURN TO ATHENS, NICOSIA AND ANKARA BEFORE THE NEXT "ROUND OF THE INTERCOMMUNALS" IN MAY.
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